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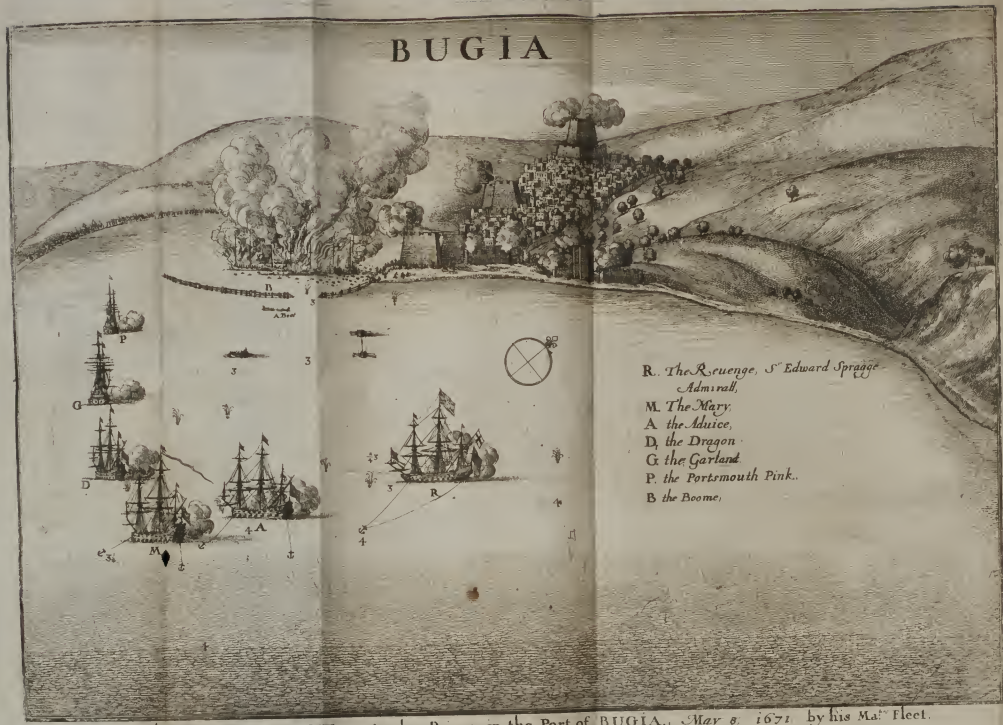

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Together with an Exact LIST of the *Turks* Ships, Burnt and Destroyed, with the Names of their Commanders: As also, one other containing the Names of such as were Slain or Wounded on the Part of the English in this Memorable Action.

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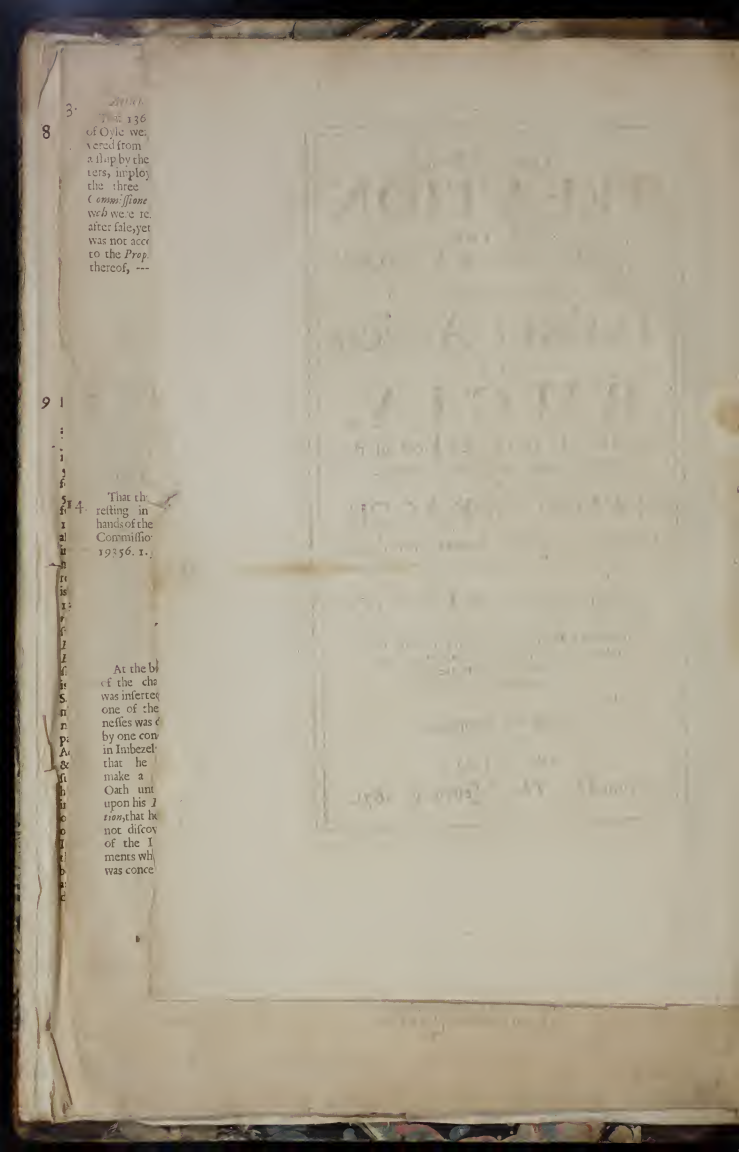

A True and Perfect Relation of the happy Success and Victory obtained against the Turks *of* Argiers *at* Bugia, *by His Majesties Fleet in the* Mediterranean, *under the command of Sir* Edward Spragge.

HAving been Cruising for several days before *Argiers*, the Twentieth of *April*, being off at Sea, some Five or six Leagues, I met with the *Mary*, *Hampshire*, *Portsmouth*, and *Advice* Fregats; and upon the notice they brought me of several *Argiers* Men of War being at *Bugia*, I called a Council of War, and it was voted, and thought fit, That I should make the best of my way (the Wind being then Easterly) to ply up thither with the *Mary*, *Warwick*, *Advice*, *Garland*, *Portsmouth Pink*, and the Fireships, to endeavor the destroying them; the *Hampshire* and *Portsmouth* Fregats being left to cruise off of *Argiers* till further order. The *Dragon* had been gone five days in chace of Two *Argier* Men of War, the Winds being then at S. W. it was supposed the Chace had carried him to the Eastward, and might at last be forced into *Bugia*, if not better Fortune, his being so long absent, and his well Sailing giving me the greater hopes.

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The Twenty third, the *Dragon* came into me, having been two days in fight with the Two *Argier* Men of War which he chaſed, Capt. *Herbert* the Commander, being ſhot in the Face with a Musket ſhot, and Nine or ten of his men wounded with ſmall ſhot, who will all recover.

Until the Twenty eighth, the Winds were always Eaſterly, the ſame day, about Eight at Night, the Wind came up to the South Weſt, with very great Guſts and Rain, which diſabled my *Little Eagle* Fireſhip, leaving her not one Maſt ſtanding.

The Thirtieth, I had got her Maſted and Rigged again fit for ſervice, having luckily a Corn Boat with me taken from the Enemy, which with the help of other Topmaſts and Booms, Maſted her. In this Weather, the *Warwick* hapned to ſpring her Main Maſt again, and bore away to the Chriſtian ſhore; my *Brigantine* at the ſame time bore away, and as yet I have no news of her. The ſame day I got into *Bugia* Bay, and had a gale, which I thought would have carried me and my Fireſhips in upon them; but by that time we got within half ſhot of their Caſtles and Forts, it proved dead calm, and afterward the Wind came off the ſhore, and a little further in the Road quite contrary.

The Second of *May*, the Winds being ſo very uncertain, after having twice attempted with my Ships, and not able to do ſervice, for want of a certain Wind, every half hour bringing a ſeveral Wind with it, I reſolved to make an Attempt upon them in the night with my Boats, and the ſmalleſt of my Fireſhips which rowed as well as a Long-Boat: About Twelve a Clock at Night, I ſent out all the Boats I could make, and the *Eagle* Fireſhip, under the command of my Eldeſt Lieutenant Maſter *Nugent*; but the Night proving very dark, and the high Land obſcuring the Ships as they neer'd them, they paſſed by the Ships (Lieutenant *Nugent*

Nugent leaving one of the Boats with the Fireſhip, beſides her own) and rowed in to diſcover the Enemy, giving the Captain of the Fireſhip orders, in caſe he found ſhoal Water, to come to an Anchor: He was not a minute from him, when he found himſelf within half Piſtol ſhot of the Ships; upon which, he ſteered off again to find the Fireſhip, which to his great aſtoniſhment was all in a flame. The Enemy then taking the Alarm, it was not convenient for the Boats to attempt boarding and burning them, they being full of Men. Had not this misfortune of the Fireſhip hapned, they might at this time have been deſtroyed without the loſs of a Man. The next day they unrigged all their Ships, and made a Boom with their Yards, Topmaſts, and Cables, buoyed up with Cask; in all which time we had no opportunity of Wind to do any thing upon them. My other little Fireſhip being ready primed, by an accident of a Piſtol fired by the Gunner, took fire, and was loſt; all my hopes and dependency relying upon her to do this buſineſs, in regard of her little draught of Water. Now having nothing to truſt to, but the *Little Victory*, I preſently gave order to have her lightned to as ſmall a draught of water as could be, and brought her to eight foot.

On Munday Morning, being the Eighth of *May*, came to them ſeveral Recruits, both of Horſe and Foot, with Ammunition, as we ſuppoſe, from *Argier*, which they welcomed with great triumph by their firing of Guns from the Ship and Caſtles, and putting abroad their Colours. But not knowing what other Recruits might come, I took the firſt opportunity, and about Noon, the ſame day, it pleaſed God to favor us with a fair moderate Breeze at Eaſt, though after I had made the ſigns for my Men of War to draw into a Line, and fall on, the Wind dollour'd again, which made me deſpair of being able to attack them: But it pleaſed God to order it ſo, that

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about Two a Clock, the Gale came in as before; the *Dragon*, *Advice*, and *Mary*, borrowed too much of the South-West shore; so that they were forced to let go their Anchors in Three Fathom and half Water, and so veered in, bringing their Ships broad side to pass: I my self came to an Anchor in Four Fathom, close under their Castles and Walls, battering all of us upon their Ships and Castles for the space of Two hours. I sent in my Pinnace, the *Maries* and *Dragons*, to cut the Boom, which was very bravely performed, Lieutenant *Pin* commanding the *Marics* Boat, Lieut. *Pierce* the *Dragons*, and one *Harman* (a Reformado Seaman of mine) my own Pinnace; my Second Lieutenant, Mr. *Earnly* being hurt with a splinter in the Leg, and could not go; Eight of the *Maries* Boats Crew, and the Lieutenant were wounded with small shot; Ten of the *Dragons*, and the Lieutenant wounded, and One killed; Seven killed out right in my own Pinnace, and all the rest wounded except *Harman* that commanded. The Boom being then cut, I made the sign for my Fireship to fall on: It pleased Almighty God to order it so, That she got in, and brought up athwart of their Bolt-sprits, their Ships being aground, and fast to the Castles, burnt very well, and destroyed them all, there being in number Ten Sail; Seven of which, were the best Men of War belonging to *Argiers*. Capt. *Harris*, Commander of the Fireship, his Masters Mate, Gunner, and one of his Seamen, are desperately wounded with small shot; but I foreseeing the desperateness and danger of the service that was to be done, Commissionated a second Commander *Henry Williams*, one of my Masters Mates, and late Commander of the *Rose* Fireship, to take the charge upon him there on Board, in case the other should miscarry, which he did accordingly, and performed it very well. The three other which we burnt, besides the Men of War, prove to be a *Genoneſe*, a small *Engliſhman*, and a *Satea*.

Upon

Upon the Tenth, about Eleven a Clock at Night, a *Dutchman* who hath been a Slave in *Argiers* for three years (and now with his Patron who commanded one of these Ships) made his escape by swimming on Board me, and told me for certain, That they confess 360 of their best Men and upwards, all *Turks*, Soldiers in Pay, lost their lives on Board the respective Ships, by Fire and Gun-shot, not being able to get ashore. But, he saith, he believes a great many more; for that their Ships were all extraordinary well manned, to the number of about 18 or 1900 Men, besides 300 that arrived there that Morning from *Argier*, who had been (in our view) received in great triumph; The Castles and Town miserably torn, with an infinite number of the Inhabitants killed and wounded; and that which hapned very luckily to second this Success, was, That all their Chirurgeons Chests were burnt on Board their Ships, that they have not the least Medicine to dress a Wound with.

Old *Treky*, their Admiral, is likewise wounded, who came with the best and chiefest Commanders in *Argier*, to order things in the best method they could for securing their Ships, most of which are slain and wounded.

He also declares, That these Ships were purposely commanded out by the *Duan* to find me out, and fight me, where ever they met me; and to that end, all the best Guns in those Ships remaining in the Mole, were taken out and mounted in these; but Eight of which, in each of these Ships, were put ashore to lighten them the better, the rest are all burnt and spoiled.

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An Exact List of the Argier *Ships burnt in* Bugia, *with their Number of Guns and Age. May* 8. 1671.

Ships Names.	Commanders	Guns	Years
White Horse	*Tabark Rays*	34	4
Orange Tree	*Courhaly*	34	4
Three Cypress Trees	*Caram Hammett*	34	1
Three Half-Moons	*Brayham Tagrin*	28	2
Pearl	*Brayham Turco*	26	8
Golden Crown	*Halut Tagrin*	24	1
Half-Moon	*Hammet*	24	1
Three Prizes.			
Burnt near Tadellis, *a Man of War*		20	3

Turks Captains Slain, *Mehammet Segara, Mantuccero alias Buttercreper, Danziker* Renegado, *Braham Rais, Courhaly* his Renegado (a *Genoese*) and next Captain under him.

These are all I have yet an account of, though we are assured there are many more.

A List of the Men Killed, and Wounded in the Ships following at *Bugia, May* 8. 1671.

The *Revenge* Admiral

Wounded.

John Ernley Lieut.
Thomas Latham
Edmond Pepper
Robert Tucker
Andrew Hutton
Jonas Hodder
William Wise
Thomas Ireland
John Curl
Thomas Kent.

Slain.

John Welch
John Bennet
William Kingate
Thomas Morgan
Tobias Hockaday
Thomas Bret
John Mintridge.

The *Mary.*

Wounded.

Edward Pin Lieut.
Henry Horn
Kent. Jones
John Picket
John Chapman
George Limberry
Thomas Hucherson
William Essex
Henry Frogg
Thomas Wry

Slain.

James Dolby
Philip Hopkins

The *Dragon.*

Wounded.

John Pierce Lieut.
William Cotes
Francis Herbert
Robert Howard
William Mills
William Evans
John West
John Brown
Robert Cundall
William Bushell
Arthur Hams

Slain.

William Watts

The *Advice.*

Wounded.

Matthew Ashby.
John Carr
John Hempinstall

Slain.

Humphrey Davis

The *Garland.*

Wounded.

Tise Ricordo

Slain.

John Fuse
Henry Whitlaws
Thomas Jackson
John Hopkins
John Everson
George Davison

The *Portsmouth Pink.*

Wounded.

John Rinocks

The *Victory* Fireship.

Wounded.

Leonard Harris Commander.
John Burdock
Richard Francis
John Hemsdall
Walter Ellet

Total Wounded	41
Total Slain	17

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